

**LUDLOW DISASTER BLAME IS PLACED  
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**PHONE DEAL STALLED  
OFF ONCE MORE**

*Folsom Has Forfeiture Ordinance in His Inside Pocket  
Down at Springfield—It Won't Go to Council  
Tonight—May Be Other Action by  
Aldermen.*

Action on the automatic phone grab is stalled off again by the city law department. There won't be any ordinance brought in at the council meeting tonight breaking the franchise of the automatic company.

Such an ordinance was ordered by council at its last meeting. But Bryan Craig, assistant corporation counsel, told Ald. John C. Kennedy today that the city's head lawyer, Dick Folsom, went to Springfield this morning and took the ordinance with him.

"Over two years now there has been drag and delay—one snag after another," said Ald. Kennedy. "Here's

millions dollars' worth of property standing around almost useless. Some say it belongs to the people. Others say it belongs to speculators and bankers. We want to throw the case into the courts and find out exactly who owns it in opinion of the courts. And when we try to get action there are bankers' protests, mayoral vetoes and inaction from the city law department. We may find another way to do this."

— Ald. Merriam and Ald. Buck said the automatic phone question is one that ought to be settled early. They hinted the council has another way